



Example of paving accents (brick & granite) with granite curbing at typical sidewalks.



Example of granite or precast paving pattern at special locations



Example of precast brick pavers to delineate crosswalks



Example of colored concrete and granite edging that could be used at plazas and pedestrian passageways

PAVING

The larger objectives outlined in Part I should be supported by a series of smaller improvements to make an urban streetscape unique to the District. From light fixtures to trash receptacles and municipal signage, a myriad of elements can be reworked into an image to announce that you are in a well-tended, active, and safe area as soon as you enter the District.

An experience of street surface conveys many subliminal messages to the pedestrian -- about a sense of quality, about care and cleanliness, about spirit and variety, about special locations. A coherent plan for sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs, and streets, adding subtle changes in color and texture to poorly tended expanses of gray concrete and blacktop, will be a major element in bringing distinction and unity to the business district.

A majority of sidewalk paving is cracked and deteriorated concrete and concrete curbs. The exception are the blocks between Clifton Avenue and Hartshorn Street which were redone with brick accents several years ago. A pattern similar to this could be used to establish a vocabulary that emphasize the historic area and to differentiate streets within the District, and to set apart the newly created square.

UTILITIES

As the sidewalks and streets are upgraded, it is recommended that overhead utilities be relocated underground. This will help reduce the clutter overhead and promote a visually cohesive environment within the District. Part of the cost of relocation could be offset through a community requested improvement program.

Calhoun Street

As a retail street, Calhoun should exhibit a special paving pattern, yet a durable material that will encourage pedestrian traffic while sustaining repeated cleaning. An integral colored concrete with a varied texture and pattern would allow for a interesting but economical solution to heavy pedestrian traffic.

Special Sidewalk Treatment:

- Use full grey or pink granite curb and a pattern of granite and/or precast pavers at the sidewalk surrounding the new Clifton Heights Park. Within the park, a range of soft texture, such as stone dust and precast or granite pavers could be used to differentiate quiet spaces and more active spaces such as cafes.
- Develop a brick and/or precast paver accent pattern at the curb and around elements located on the sidewalk, generally known as a collector strip, that would define the District between Calhoun and McMillan.

Typical Sidewalk Treatment:

Remaining sidewalks will be of concrete, upgraded as periodic replacement allows. To establish variety and rhythm along sidewalks, two types of precast or granite inserts are recommended:

- Door-to-door precast and/or granite "carpets" to signify major buildings, such as cinema and hotel.
- Entry aprons of granite and/or precast pavers set in sidewalks across fronts of major or special stores and buildings.

McMillan Street

McMillan is intended to be a less active street, and the use of warmer and tighter knight paving pattern would create a more residential and pedestrian oriented image. The use of brick, precast pavers or warmer colored concrete pavement that filter down the side streets would integrate the community into the commercial area.

Corners:

- All corners throughout the District will receive granite and/or precast paver wedges incorporating curb cut accessible ramps.

Crosswalks:

- Major crossings at the entry into the business district Clifton Avenue and Vine Street shall have special identifying paving to signify pedestrian zones
- The wide crossings that occur on the Calhoun and McMillan sides of the new park are to be paved with medium-scale unit pavers, either brick, granite or precast depending on the budget. They should be characterized by fine textured surface, with no-mortar joints.
- At all other major intersections in the District, crosswalks should be paved with colored crushed stone (grey or red granite), rolled into the blacktop with required white striping on both sides. This "chip seal" application serves to delineate pedestrian areas, and introduces the granite vocabulary in special colors in an economical form.